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Columbia woman is 2007 SBA S.C. Minority Small Business Entrepreneur

COLUMBIA, LEXINGTON – D. Delores Logan, founder and president of AllCaregivers, Inc., is winner of the 2007 SBA South Carolina Minority Small Business Entrepreneur of the Year award, which recognizes an outstanding minority-owned small business that has exhibited substantial growth over a sustained period of time while contributing to the surrounding community. Logan was nominated by Janice Connor, vice president of Regions Bank.

Headquartered in Lexington, AllCaregivers provides home and personal care aid services such as medical monitoring and household duties for clients with physical and mental disabilities; the company also sells hospital equipment and related supplies to businesses in West Africa.

Logan began her company more than 20 years ago in Los Angeles as American Sein Pro, Inc., selling hospital supplies, lumber and customized cabinetry to government agencies. After returning to her home state of South Carolina, Logan added medical supplies to her already diverse list of sales items.

In 1992, she expanded her business focus to include personal care aid services, fulfilling a need within her community for job creation. In 1994, Logan spearheaded a South African component.

In April 2006, Logan secured an SBA-guaranteed 504 loan through Regions Bank to move her business headquarters from West Columbia to a new office condominium in Lexington. The company also has branches in Saluda, Marion and Myrtle Beach. In June 2006, Logan changed the company's name to AllCaregivers to better reflect its mission to care-related sales and services.

Logan is a fourth-generation entrepreneur who, with her parents, participated in the Civil Rights movement.

"My ancestors turned very difficult circumstances into business ventures," she says. "I can at the very least strive to build upon and honor that legacy."

Logan is currently an active board member of ParentingPartners, which is an affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse South Carolina, and Palmetto Aids Life Support Services. She resides in Columbia.

The SBA South Carolina District Office is holding the awards ceremony at the Salute to Small Business on Wednesday, April 11 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Please call Susan Chavis at (803) 765-5373 for more information.

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